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The Applicants hereby make of record in the instant application the information listed on the attached seven (4) pages of Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B. The order of presentation of the references on the forms should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references. A copy of each of the listed items is enclosed.

Remarks:

The instant application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Nonprovisional Application No. 10/186,105, filed June 27, 2002. Item A32 is U.S. No. 6,783,643, the patent that issued from the USSN 10/186,105 application. Items A28, B3, and B4 were cited by the Examiner in prosecution of USSN 10/186,105. Items A9, A22, B4, B9, and B10 were cited in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/US02/20734, which is the international application counterpart to the USSN 10/186,105 application. A copy of the International Search Report for PCT/US02/20734 accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

Application No. 10/186,105 is in turn a continuation-in-part of U.S. Non-provisional Application No. 09/599,137, filed June 22, 2000. Item A28 is U.S. Patent No. 6,464,842, the patent that issued from the 09/599,137 application. Items A8 and A25 were cited by the Examiner in prosecution of USSN 09/599,137. Items A1, A5, A6, A8, A9, A20, A21 were cited in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/US00/17123, which is the international application counterpart to the 09/599,137 parent application. A copy of the International Search Report for PCT/US00/17123 accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

Items A22, B10, B11, and B12 were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/US03/34192, which is the international application counterpart to the instant application. A copy of the International Search Report for PCT/US03/34192 accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

The instant application is related to co-pending application USSN 10/367,075, filed February 14, 2003. Items A15, A23, and A24 were cited by the Examiner in prosecution of USSN 10/367,075.

The instant application is also related to co-pending application USSN 10/761,102, filed January 29, 2004. Item A33 is U.S. application publication No. 2004/0229386 for the USSN 10/761,102 application. Items B10, A22, A26, A27, and B6 were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/US2004/002502, which is the international application counterpart to the USSN 10/761,102 application. WO 00/79257 was also cited in this International Search Report. WO 00/79257 is the international counterpart to U.S. No. 6,627,067, item A30. A copy of the International Search Report for PCT/US2004/002502 accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

The instant application is also related to co-pending application USSN 10/960,176, filed October 7, 2004. Item A34 is U.S. Application Publication No. 2005/0126905 for the USSN 10/960,176 application. Items B10 and A4 were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/US2004/033086, which is the international application counterpart to the USSN 10/960,176 application. Also cited was WO 03/003446, which is the international application publication corresponding to USSN 10/186,105, issued as U.S. No., 6,783,643, provided as item A32. A copy of the International Search Report for PCT/US2004/033086 accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

The instant application is also related to co-pending application USSN 11/015,349, filed December 17, 2004. Item A35 is U.S. Application Publication No. 2005/0241933 for the USSN 11/015,349 application. Items A30, A36, B13, and B14 were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/US2004/042896, which is the international application counterpart to USSN 11/015,349. A copy of the International Search Report for PCT/US2004/042896 accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

Item A21 is a non-English language document, specifically, in German, with no translation provided. In accordance with MPEP 609 A(3), pp. 600-101, Paragraph 2, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language Item A21 document is satisfied by the submission herewith of the corresponding International Search Report in which the item was cited, the International Search Report indicating the degree of relevance of the document. On page 1 of the Search Report for International Application No. PCT/US00/17123, Item A21 is referenced and is indicated, by an "A" designation, as "defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance."

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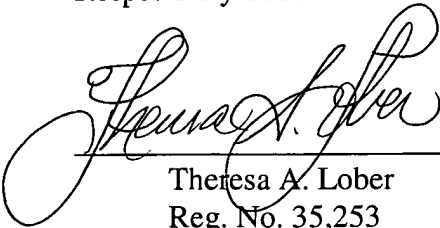
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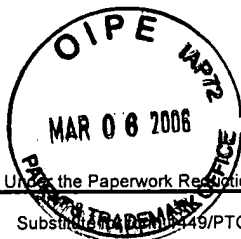
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